FLOATING ISLAND.

Put a pint of sweet milk on to scald. Beat well the yolks of two eggs, add three tablespoons of sugar and one tablespoon of cornstarch moistened with a little cold milk, stir well together and add carefully to the hot milk. As soon as it thickens pour it into the dish designed for the table, and add a teaspoon of flavoring. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, drop by spoonfuls for an instant into boiling water, dip up with a skimmer and lay on the dish of float. A speck of bright jelly on top of each island makes a pretty effect .- Boston Post.

BRAN MUFFINS.

For the more substantial side of the tea table a new biscuit is the bran muffin which is a non-fattening and very delectable edible that must be eaten slowly and masticated thoroughly. To make these mussins take two cups of fine bran, one cup of flour, one and one-half cups of sour milk, one quarter of a cup of butter, three tablespoonfuls of molasses and one teaspoonful of soda. Mix the dry ingredients and then add the molasses mixed with the sour milk, put in the butter last creamed) and beat vigorously. Bake thoroughly in small tin rings in a slow oven. Serve hot, buttering them first before bringing them to the table.-New York Trib-

SAND TARTS

A little cookie that will keep nicely is well to have on hand, and the following recipe is for just such an article. It can be made cut in various shapes and is even more delicious with a blanched almond at the middle of each. Take one teacupful of butter, one and one-half teacupfuls of sugar, two eggs, three teaspoonfuls of water, one-half teaspoonful of saleratus and just enough flour to make a stiff dough that will roll out very thin. Cream the sugar and butter together, add the er is, which should be well beaten, then the water, and lastly the sifted flour, in which the saleratus is put. Brush white of egg over the tops and sprinkle with cinuamon and sugar .- New York Tribune.

RUSSIAN GINGERBREAD.

This deliciously crisp and delicate cake requires a rather hot oven and a somewhat unusual cooling place, as it is wound around a broomstick to harden. The broomstick should be cut in eighteen in lengths from a new broom, and, of course, be kept for this especial purpose. The ingredients are a half cup of butter, a half cup of molasses, a half cup of flour, one tablespoonful of brown sugar and two teaspoonfuls of ginger. Mix as for ordinary gingerbread pour very thinly into a long pan and bake, until brown, then cut in nagrow strips and wind around the sticks to cool and harden. These are very crisp and have an attractive appearance.-New York Tribune.

NUT WAFERS.

These little cakes are very delicately flavored and are very crisp. If preferred, they can be made in shapes by pouring the batter into variously designed pastry cutters that can be placed in the pan and removed just before the wafers are baked. The easiest way, however, is to drop the wafers into a well buttered pan at a Hille distance from one another, as they have to be taken out of the pan very quickly, when hot, with a knife and placed on a platter to cool, the sugar and butter together, add the price of one, and the poor, well,

the milk drop by drop, then the the poor are the ones who haven't flour. Drop in the pan and on each yet been lucky enough to get over wafer sprinkle some of the chopped here from Europe. nuts, which should be pecan, walnut or almond. Bake in a mederate oven until a light brown, then remove from the pan immediately.-New York Tribune.

HOUSEWIFE'S HINTS.

If the linoleum is first dusted well with a cloth, or swept with a broom having a cloth tied over it, you will find the mopping will be a much easier task.

Dampened baking soda, or mud bound upon the bites and stings of inaccts, will give relief, so will am-

Try making the kitchen aprons double, across the front and down as far as the hard wear comes. Be sure to have the right side of goods of the extra piece against the wrong side of the apron. When they come to the mend, the pieces will be there all ready to stitch to, and will look much neater than if mended with new goods; also it is a quick way to mend.

Use ammonia in the boil suds when washing, a tablespoonful of about nine gallons. It, with the aid of the summer sun, will whiten the clothes wonderfully.

Pare and slice potatoes, cook until tender in salted water, season with sweet bacon drippings, or cream and butter; very palatable and a change from the old way of cooking them.

Measure the tea leaves into the teapot and place where it will keep quite warm for ten or fifteen minutes, before pouring over the boiling water. More strength will be extracted, and a better flavored tea.

An old whitewash brush is just the thing to keep the soot and fine ashes from the top of the oven. The work is well done with the least amount of dust.



"A heap o' sadness in dis world," said Uncle Eben, in the Washington Star, "is due to folks' disposition to talk about de roses dat done faded, 'sted o' gettin' busy plantin' crops foh nex' season."

South Carolina dealers in bird hats have been fined, doubtless to the cost of customers, notes the Philadelphia Ledger, who will observe the fine tacked on to the regular price.

Every monthly magazine carries as many as two continued stories in it: When a man takes six, suggests the Oil City Derrick, it means that his wife is carrying twelve continued stories in her head in addition to doing the cooking and trying to find out how much the new hat cost worn by the woman next door.

The Pacific is to be covered with stations for the wireless telegraph system, announces the Baltimore American. So will the ocean be brought into subjection to human enterprises and no more roll a chasm to be bridged for news only with expense of time and trouble. In short, it will probably be only a matter of comparatively short time when the Sultan of Sulu will be calling up the White House on his wireless 'phone.

Europe- is worrying about why the Americans are not coming across with the usual supply of ready money which helps so much. Confidentially, answers the Buffalo Express. Europe The ingredients are a half cup of should know that the very rich are butter, a har cup of milk, one cup of saving to meet their tire bills, the sugar, some chopped nuts and one middle class are trying to get enough and one-third cups of flour. Cream ahead to pay the first instalment on

In just what way the flying machine will prove itself useful we cannot say, admits the Chicago Record-Herald, but more certainly than the old automobile it has a record on which to base high hopes. With that record and the enthusiasm and the competition that are inspired by it rapid progress must come as a matter of course.

"Man is naturally one of the most unaderned of animals," says Dr. W. I. Thomas in the American Magazine." But man has hands, and consequently "the power of collecting brilliant ohjects and attaching them to his person." The ornamental instinct is persistent, and universal, comments the New York Mail. Its gratification has become woman's sphere, but in adolescence man yields to it himself, and at all periods he foots the bills.

Farmers in the vicinity of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, have found that a herd of goats will clear the underbrush from a farm in a few months, and do a good job at moderate cost, relates the New York Tribune. For the last five years a herd of forty goats has been eating and working there, and in that time the animals have changed owners ten times. As soon as their owner discovers that there is nothing left on the farm for the goats to feed on but good grass they are lent or sold to another farmer for a similar purpose.

Many people like to see a horse race. Time was when more people would go to see Maud S. trot than would attend a baseball game. Speed and records were matters of general conversation, as baseball scores are now, avers the New York World. This general public interest diminished because, instead of being a sport, racing became a gambling game. There was a like interest taken in the racing results as the wisitors to Monte Carlo show in the printed records, of the day's roulette plays.

Street Lighting in Europe.

In a recent article by Dr. Louis Bell in the Electrical World, attention is called to the lighting systems of Europe as compared with American street lighting. According to Dr. Bell, European streets are far better lighted than our own, but not because electricity is cheaper abroad than here; for London pays over \$100 per arc per year, Paris \$166 and Berlin nearly \$120. The difference seems to be that in this country we attempt to light all of the streets fairly well, while abroad particular attention is paid to the more prominent streets.

Evidently Exaggerated.

Among the begging letters recently received at the office of a benevolent society was one running thus;

"This unfortunate young man is the only son of a widow, who died childless, and his earnings maintain his aged father and infant brothers, whose sole support he is."

The secretary of the society wrote on the margin of the epistle the following note:

"The circumstances of the case are evidently exaggerated."-Royal Maga-

Her Laugh.

A story is told of a woman living in a lonely part of the Far West, whose husband had one day been away from home much longer than usual. She waited patiently, however, when to her surprise and alarm a band of ruffians rode up and dismounted a little distance from the hut. Approaching her, the leader of the party exclaimed, apologetically:

"We've come to tell yer, ma'am, that we've lynched yer husband. We admit we've hung the wrong man, so you've got the laugh on us there." -Tit-Bits.

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